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FARM WORKERS' CO-OPS MORE THAN DOUBLE IN PAST 5 YEARS

GROWTH OF RURAL COLLECTIVIZATION -- Politika, No 13094, 29 Nov 48

The number of farm machinery stations in Yugoslavia has grown from 69 in 1945 to 71 in 1946, 98 in 1947, and 109 in 1948. The number of state farms, federal, republic, and local was 430, with 217,579 hectares in 1947, and 485 with 275,012 hectares for state farms plus 82,773 hectares for local farms in 1948. Farm workers' cooperatives throughout Yugoslavia have grown from 423 with 8,290 members in 1945 to 917 with 238,697 members and an erea of 249,464 hentares by the middle of 1948. More than 100,000 hectures in addition belong to councils of farm workers' cooperatives for collective farming. This means that cooperative and state farms held 700,000 hectares as of the alddle of 1948.

Rural capitalistic elements drew 16.54 percent of the national income in 1937, 11.7 percent in 1947, and 9.67 percent in 1948. Farms larger than 10 heateres contributed 45.98 percent of the grain harvest in 1939, 39.26 percent in 1946, 39.6 percent in 1947, and 37.84 percent in 1948. In 1947, 59.7 percent of farm households received an annual income of less than 16,000 dinars, 32.1 percent received 16,000 to 50,000 dinars, and 8.2 percent received more than 50,000 dinars. These groups received an average per capital income of 493 dinars, 3,000 dinars, and 18,310 dinars respectively.

According to the order for crop purchase of grain, farmers with 2 to 3 hectares under cultivation must give up 10-20 percent of their harvest; those with 3-10 hectares, 10.55 percent; and those with more than 10 hectares, 63-85 percent.

According to the 1931 census, 671,865 small ferwers owned a total of 693,534 hectares, an average of one hectare to a household, while 1,800 wealthy farmers owned 684,235 hectares. After the People's Revolution, the law on agrarian reform cut the large holdings down to 20-30 hectares. almost all the republics, the farms of large landowners and wealthy peasants were out down to 20 hectares, on condition that the owners themselves engage in farming.

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About 90 percent of rural workers are members of some form of cooperative. In March 1948 there were 7,841 farm workers' cooperatives in Yugoelavia, with 343 arez unions of farm workers' cooperatives with a membership of about 2,200,000.

During the first 3 months of 1948, the number of farm workers' cooperatives increased over 13 percent; the number of families belonging to 14.6 percent; the amount of land to 19 percent; number of tractors to 39 percent; amount of harvest machinery to 70 percent. Farm workers' cooperatives in the Vojvodina alone held 161,267 hecteres of arable land, or 10.2 percent of the total arable land in the Vojvodina. This year they signed contracts for 13 thousand tone of grain, worth about 70 million dinars.

AGRICULTURAL SITUATION -- Borba, No 306, 20 Dec 48

The spring sowing plan on state farms has been fulfilled 100.4 percent. The farm machinery stations met their plan for the spring sowing 110 percent and their harvest plan 111 percent; however, the plan for turning under the stubble was realized only 46 percent, and the plan for cultivation of crops also failed.

A marked fluctuation in manpower may be ascribed to poor housing and food supplies for workers, and to the failure of seasonal workers to receive ration cards, as they should.

Seventy courses, attended by 1,970 workers, were given in 1948 to furnish technical training for farm workers.

COOPERATIVE FARMS IN MACEDONIA -- Borba, No 281, 20 Nov 48

On 15 August the first farm workers' cooperative of Turks in Macedonia, "Novi Zivot" (New Life) was formed in the small village of Cumajlija, with 22 households. Later six more joined. The members will farm over 300 hectares, and the local People's Council has given them 50 hectares of pasture in addition to the land contributed by the members.

Previously the villagers had raised a little of everything: wheat, rye, corn, barley, and very little cotton. However, experience has shown that this was not wise, for cotton, of all plants, is best able to withstand drought and yields a good crop. In the summer of 1948, many of the villagers harvested 450 to 550 kilograms of cotton per bectare. Their new plan calls for a spring planting of cotton covering one third of their acreage, and wheat, barley, poppies, and sesame the remaining two thirds.

ACRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS IN MACEDONIA -- Borba, No 307, 21 Dec 48

According to a speech by Lazar Kolisevski, there are now 774 agricultural cooperatives in Macedonia. In 1947 such cooperatives did over 1.5 billion ears' worth of business. They now have 38 stations for farm implements, 1.2 stations for the seed service, 331 industrial workshops, 186 collective farms, and 760 stations of other types.

In 1948, 144 new farm workers' cooperatives were formed in Macedonia, bringing the total to 231. Such cooperatives held 659 hectares in 1945, 3,725 hectares in 1946, and 40,753 hectares with a hundred thousand sleep in 1947.

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The plan for crop purchase of grain in Macedonia was fulfilled 101.7 percent in 1947 and 104 percent in 1948. The plan for crop purchase of wool purchase of tobacco, 105 percent in 1947.

MORE COTTON PRODUCED IN MACEDONIA -- Borba, No 306, 20 Dec 48

By the beginning of December the plan for contracts for cotton planting in Macedonia was completely fulfilled .

During the spring of 1949, about 50 percent more cotton will be planted in Macedonia than the Five-Year Plan prescribed for planting in 1951. Twenty area occupied by industrial crops in Macedonia before the war.

Two thousand plows have been purchased and distributed to agricultural cooperatives and farmers to carry out the program of deep plowing of all land intended for growing cotton. Over 35 percent of such property had been so plowed by 5 December.

MACEDONIAN COOPERATIVE FARM GROWS -- Politika, No 13087, 21 Nov 1948

The farm workers' cooperative "Udarnik" in the village of Gornje Lisicje not far from Skoplje was founded in 1945 by six persons. Today the cooperative includes 26 families and forms an entire village.

RECLAMATION PROJECTS IN MACEDONIA -- Borba, No 307, 21 Dec 48

One fifth of all reclamation projects in Yugoslavia provided for under the Five-Year Plan are to be located in Macedonia. About 155 million dinars, or about 19 percent of the sum authorized under the Five-Year Plan, has been spent on reclamative in Macedonia so far.

RECLAMATION CANAL UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN DAIMATIA -- Borba, No 507, 21 Dec 48

A reclamation project to make the 6,000-hectare Sinj Polje, of which only 1,800 hectares are now arable, into one of the xost fertile areas of Dalmatia, was started in 1948. The reclaimed land will become a model state farm.

Preliminary work was begun during the first 3 months of 1948, and at the beginning of summer, work was started on the main drainage canal, 10 kilometers long, which will empty into the Cetina river. The canal varies in width from 9.5-13 meters, and in depth from 1.4-3.5 meters.

INDUSTRIAL CROPS FLANTED IN MACEDONIA AND SERBIA -- Politika, No 13097,

In Macedonia, where the campaign for contracts for spring planting of cotton is coming to an end, the plan has been realized 95 percent.

In the Sumidija district (in Serbia), the campaign for contracts for industrial crops has reached a standstill. Though the deadline was 15 November, no arez succeeded in completing its plan on schedule.

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